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The Honorable William Delahunt  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Delahunt:

I am writing to urge your support for making Hodgkin's disease and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma cancers of the lymphatic system a national health priority in 1999. Lymphoma is the second fastest rising cancer in the country, and over half a million people are living with lymphoma in the United States today. More than 64,000 people will be diagnosed with this disease in 1999. We do not know what causes lymphoma, and are unable to prevent it, no matter how early it is detected.

Congress took an important first step in 1998 by recognizing lymphoma as "one of the fastest growing cancers with a 50% mortality rate" and urged the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to increase current lymphoma research; identify new research opportunities; and expand current research into potential environmental causes of lymphoma as stated in both House and Senate FY 99 appropriations committee report language.

I care very deeply about breakthroughs in lymphoma research because I am a friend of a survivor.

Recent research discoveries have opened up many potentially fruitful areas for the treatment and possible cure of lymphoma. Please take the next step by making finding the cause and cure for lymphoma a national priority! This goal is supported by the Cure For Lymphoma Foundation, other lymphoma organizations, and every individual and family affected by lymphoma throughout the nation.

Sincerely,

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P.S. I also hope you will vote to double the budget for all cancer research in FY 2000. More money for biomedical research will bring us one step closer toward finding a cure for lymphoma.